

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LIVESTRONG DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, cancer has long been the leading cause of death in North Carolina and was the 2nd leading cause of death in North Carolina in 2007; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, cancer accounted for 17,267 deaths of the total of 74,419 resident deaths in North Carolina in 2007, or about 195 deaths per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and 1.4 million people will be diagnosed this year, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, more than 560,000 Americans are expected to die from cancer this year, African-American men and women have the highest mortality rates for all cancer sites combined, and cancer is the number one killer of those under age 85, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cancer last year was \$206 billion, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has concern and compassion for people affected by cancer; and

WHEREAS, by uniting people affected by cancer to raise awareness through education, prevention, screening and early detection efforts, we gain strength in the fight against cancer in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to ensure all cancer patients are treated with compassion and respect, and are provided with the tools and resources necessary to battle the physical, emotional and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the most advanced cancer treatment centers and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, LIVESTRONG DAY exemplifies the spirit of people affected by cancer—survivors, caregivers, friends, family, physicians, nurses, social workers and researchers throughout North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2008, as "LIVESTRONG DAY" in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital at Raleigh this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.